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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN EAST BEIJING HAS

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PROCEEDED ACCORDING TO PAST PATTERNS, WITH LARGE ARMORED MILITARY MOVEMENTS AROUND MIDNIGHT. PLA TROOPS ARE TAKING ACTIVE MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE GROUPS OF YOUTHS FROM FORMING ON THE STREETS AT NIGHT. WITH CONCERN HIGH THAT THE PLA MIGHT ENTER OUR DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPOUNDS TO "ENSURE THEIR SAFETY," ONE OFFICER REPORTED TONIGHT THAT A PLA TROOP TRUCK TURNED AROUND IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE TO ONE COMPOUND. SPEAKING TO THE HISTORICAL RECORD, AN AMERICAN STUDENT CLAIMS THAT DEMONSTRATING CHINESE STUDENTS IN BAODING CITY, HEBEI PROVINCE SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED THE MOVEMENT OF 38TH GROUP ARMY TROOPS TO BEIJING TO HANDLE THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS. END SUMMARY

-- NIGHTLY MILITARY ACTIVITY; AS USUAL --

3. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE RECENTLY IN EAST BEIJING WHERE THE EMBASSY IS LOCATED, STARTING FROM ABOUT 2350 HOURS ON JUNE 9 AND CONTINUING TO ABOUT 0020 HOURS ON JUNE 10, A LARGE CONVOY OF AT LEAST 40 TANKS AND 40 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC) DROVE AT RELATIVELY HIGH SPEED FROM THE TIANANMEN SQUARE AREA PAST THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC HOUSING

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COMPOUND HEADING TOWARD THE EASTERN SUBURBS. THE PATTERN HAS BEEN THAT SUCH CONVOYS USUALLY RETURN TO THE TIANANMEN AREA AROUND DAWN. WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY NEWS ABOUT ANY MILITARY ACTIVITIES DURING THE NIGHT IN THE HAIDIAN ACADEMIC AREA LOCATED IN NORTHWEST BEIJING. IN OUR ONLY INCIDENT TONIGHT, AN EMBASSY OFFICER REPORTED HEARING RANDOM GUNSHOTS COMING FROM THE AREA NEAR THE AIRPORT ROAD IN NORTH EAST BEIJING.

-- ONE WAY TO KEEP YOUTH OFF THE STREETS --

4. THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR REPORTED AN INCIDENT HE OBSERVED ON TIYUGUAN ROAD JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT ON HIS WAY HOME TO HIS TAYUAN APARTMENT FROM THE EMBASSY. SOME CHINESE YOUTHS WERE SITTING ON THE STEPS OF ROSE'S BAR, A PRIVATELY OWNED ENTERPRISE WHICH HAD JUST CLOSED. THREE PLA TRUCKS PASSING BY THE AREA SUDDENLY STOPPED AND TROOPS CARRYING TRUNCHEONS RUSHED AT THE YOUTHS, MANHANDLING AND BEATING THEM AND CHASING THEM AWAY. HAVING CLEARED THE STREET, THE TROOPS RETURNED TO THEIR TRUCKS AND DROVE OFF.

-- PLA TROOPS DO NOT ENTER DIPLOMATIC HOUSING --

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5. IN VIEW OF EMBASSY CONCERN OVER A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIPLOMATIC NOTE SAYING THAT PLA TROOPS MIGHT ENTER THE DIPLOMATIC HOUSING COMPAOUNDS TO "ENSURE THEIR SAFETY," AN INCIDENT TONIGHT SUGGESTS THAT PLA MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS. AT 2200 ON JUNE 9, AN OFFICER SAW AN ARMY TRUCK FULL OF PLA TROOPS DRIVE DOWN GUANGHUA ROAD TO THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE JIANGUOMENWAI HOUSING COMPOUND. WHEN THEY REACHED THE GATE, HOWEVER, THEY JUST

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TURNED AROUND AND DROVE OFF.

-- BAODING STUDENTS BLOCKED THE 38TH ARMY? --

6. ON AN HISTORICAL NOTE.

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[REDACTED] THAT THE STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY
MOVED TO STOP THE ARMY STATIONED IN BAODING WHEN IT
TRIED TO MOVE TO BEIJING TO HANDLE THE STUDENTS IN
TIANANMEN.

7. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR SHANGHAI, GUANGZHOU AND
SHENYANG.

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